Low cost housing facilities for service providers

1352. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make it mandatory for all new housing colonies to make available low cost housing facilities to the service providers like maids, guards etc. in the proximity of the colonies;

if so, the details thereof;

whether this policy would also be applicable to the colonies which have already been developed;

if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

the measures taken or being taken to rehabilitate the slum dwellers in Delhi and other metro cities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

(e) A Centrally sponsored Scheme called Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana (VAMBAY) is being implemented since 2.12.2001 in urban areas of the country. The primary objective of the scheme is to facilitate construction and upgradation of dwelling units for slum dwellers living below poverty line and to provide them healthy and enabling urban environment through community toilets.

Loss due to floods

1353. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

whether it is a fact that there has been loss and damage to property in country due to recent floods;

if so, whether Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd. (HUDCO) have gien any financial assistance to the flood affected States for development of housing and other infrastructure; and

if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd. (HUDCO) has been extending financial assistance for areas affected by natural calamities, depending upon the requests of the State Government. However, during the current financial year, so far, no housing scheme for HUDCO's financial assistance has been received from the State Governments of flood affected States.

Employment for urban unemployed under EGS

† SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to add a provision with regard to providing employment to the urban unemployed persons in the Bill which was passed by the Parliament during the previous session for providing employment to rural unemployed persons;

(b)if'so, by when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) No such proposal is uder consideration in the Ministry of Urban Employments Poverty Alleviation.

Ministry of Urban Employment & Poverty Alleviation is already implementing an employment oriented Urban Poverty Alleviation Centrally Sponsored scheme named Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), on all India basis, with effect from 1.12.1997, with a view to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed and under-employed poor through encouraging the setting up of self-employment ventures by the urban poor living below the poverty line, and also through providing wage employment by utilizing their labour for construction of socially and economically useful public assets.

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